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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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9 John Doe,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 Accurate Background LLC,

13 Defendant.
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No. CV-21-01629-PHX-MTM

ORDER

15 Before the Court is Plaintiff's renewed consent motion to proceed by pseudonym
16 and for protective order. (Doc. 8.) The Court denied without prejudice Plaintiff's first
17 motion because it did not include a required certification Plaintiff conferred with Defendant
18 beforehand. (Doc. 6.) Plaintiff's renewed motion includes the certification, and Defendant
19 consents to Plaintiff's request. (Doc. 8 at 9.) As the Court found in its previous Order, the
20 Court finds Plaintiff's need for anonymity outweighs any potential prejudice to the
21 opposing party and the public's interest in knowing the party's identity at this early stage
22 of the case, though this balance may change as the litigation process continues. *See Does I*
23 *thru XXIII v. Advanced Textile Corp.*, 214 F.3d 1058, 1068–69 (9th Cir. 2000).

24 Accordingly,

25 **IT IS ORDERED** Plaintiff's renewed consent motion to proceed by pseudonym
26 and for protective order (doc. 8) is **GRANTED** as follows:

- 27 1. Plaintiff John Doe is granted leave to proceed in pseudonym;
28 2. All parties shall take all necessary actions to protect the identity of John Doe

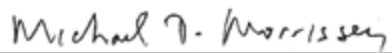
1 from disclosure to the public, including but not limited to, redacting his name
2 from publicly filed documents and using the pseudonym "John Doe" in all
3 instances, including where redaction is not possible;

4 3. If redaction or substitution of the pseudonym is not possible in the public filing
5 of documents or other papers, such public filing shall be made under seal in
6 accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2.

7 4. All Parties shall admonish party and non-party witnesses that they are obliged
8 to maintain the true name of John Doe, as well as all other identifying
9 information about him, as confidential.

10 5. The protections of this Order shall survive dismissal of this action, unless
11 otherwise ordered by the Court.

12 Dated this 6th day of October, 2021.

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15 Honorable Michael T. Morrissey
16 United States Magistrate Judge
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